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IPM GRANT INFORMATION



WHAT IS IPM?

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, "is a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining biological, cultural, physical and chemical tools in a way that minimizes economic, health, and environmental risks" (National Coalition on Integrated Pest Management).

IPM has been used for many years in agriculture and has recently generated much support in areas such as schools, industrial sites, structured pest control, and homes. Many websites and publications have also been dedicated to IPM, some of which are listed at the end of this sheet.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

IPM programs use current, scientific information on the lifecycles of pests and their habitats when management options are being considered. These options can include: using beneficial predatory insects, using pheromones to disturb insect reproduction patterns, limiting access to necessary habitat by caulking and filling open holes around sinks and light fixtures, and the judicious use of pesticides.

GRANT PROGRAM

In July 1998 the New Hampshire State legislature created the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Grant program. This program consists of awarding small grants, up to five thousand dollars, to the best project proposals submitted to the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture.

In July 1999 the Department began accepting applications for IPM projects. The purpose of this program is "to bring about the broadest possible application of the principles of IPM to agriculture, landscape and building maintenance, horticulture, arboriculture, and any other areas in which economic poisons are employed" (RSA 430:50).

This program is intended for the direct benefit of the people of New Hampshire and therefore the projects should be conducted within the State. The grant amounts can range from \$500 to \$5000, and are awarded on a year to year basis. Priority will be given to programs with a

wide range of applications such as, IPM education for homeowners, programs in schools and buildings, and IPM seminars. There are several criteria that will be used for evaluating the applications including: whether the proposed objectives are realistic and the work-plan is appropriate; is the project consistent with IPM techniques and ideas; and what is the likelihood of the pest management practices continuing after the grant period ends?

All IPM grant applications must be submitted to the Division of Pesticide Control before the **November 1** deadline. Those persons whose projects are selected to receive grant money will have to complete a grant agreement before the money will be distributed. This agreement includes final reporting requirements including the submission of a detailed, itemized budget. The selected projects will also be advertised and promoted at Department meetings, within the Weekly Market Bulletin and on the Department's web page.

SOURCES FOR IPM INFORMATION

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Benbrook, Charles M. et al. 1996. *Pest Management at the Crossroads*. Consumers Union, Yonkers, NY.

Internet sites:

National IPM initiative implementation program,
<http://www.nysaes.cornell.edu/ipmnet/>

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